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REPORT

On the State of the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions in the

WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT

1969

WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Rural District Council.

Health Department,
Craven House,
Warminster,
Wilts.

Lt. Colonel J.W. Madden,
Chairman of the Warminster and Westbury Rural District Council.

Sir,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1969 relating to the state of the public health and sanitary conditions in the rural district of Warminster and Westbury. With it is the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

It will be seen from the Vital Statistics that the rural district compares very favourably with the rest of England and Wales. The rise in the birth rate is in distinct opposition to the National figure. No serious outbreak of infectious disease took place during the period.

I wish to express my gratitude to my colleagues, the Family Doctors, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory in Bath, the County Medical Officer, and the staff of the Rural District Council for their co-operation in the work of the Public Health Department. Also I am grateful to the Public Health Committee for their co-operation and understanding.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

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WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

	To 20th May 1969	From 20th May 1969
Chairman of the Council:	G.R. Dufosee, J.P. (to 21.5.69)	Lt.Col. J.W. Madden (from 16th June 1969)
Vice-Chairman:	Maj.Gen. A.T. de Rhe Philipe	Maj.Gen. A.T.de Rhe Philipe
Chairman of the Public Health Committee	Lt. Col. J.W. Madden	Lt. Col. J.W. Madden
Members of the Public Health Committee	Chairman of the Council) Vice Chairman of the Council) ex officio	
	Mrs. M. Pottow	Mrs. E.M. Mead
	Mrs. P. Sykes	Mrs. W. Keith Neal,
	F.S. Brake	Mrs. M.M. Pottow
	W.J. Breach	Mrs. F. Sykes
	T.C.R. Brocklebank	Mrs. P. Sykes
	J.R. Drake	W.J. Breach
	Lt. Col. J.W. Madden	T.C.R. Brocklebank
	S.J. Mitchell	J.R. Drake
	R.E. Moger	T.H. Forbes Johnson
	F. Norris	Lt.Col. J.W. Madden
	W.J. Oram	S.J Mitchell
	S.H. Stafford	R.E. Moger
	R.F. Stratton	F. Norris
	W.L. Wallis	W.J.N. Oram
		M.H. Peters,
		S.H. Stafford
		R.F. Stratton
		W.L. Wallis

Members Elected to the West Wilts Water Board:

R.F. Stratton	E.R. Wheatley-Hubbard Lt. Col. J.W. Madden

Staff of the Public Health Department

Medical Officer of Health:

Joseph Reynolds MC., LRCP.Edin.,LRCS.,Edin., LRFP. & S.Glas.,DPH.,(Eng.)

Chief Public Health Inspector (part time)

A.H. Eagle FIAS., MIPHE., MRSH.

Deputy Public Health Inspector (part time)

W. D. Grey MAPHI.

Additional Public Health Inspectors:

G.R. Pope MAPHI. (part time)
A. Marsden MAPHI. (full time)

Clerks

Miss K.V. Jones
Miss M.P. Street
Mrs. J. Marsh
Miss S. Bennett.

Craven House,
Warminster,
Wilts.

Telephone:

Warminster 3428/9

	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
Area of District in acres	86,155	86,155	86,155
Population (1961 Census - 13,026) Registrar General's Estimate of Mid-Year Population	13,640	14,600	14,120
Density of Population - Persons per acre	0.15	0.17	0.17
Number of Hereditaments	5,433	5,560	5,779
Number of Council Houses	683	683	693
Rateable Value at 1st April	£338,493	£365,997	£399,976
Rateable Value per head of population	£24.16.4	£25.1.4.	£28.6.6.
Product of Penny Rate	£1,404.	£1,525.	£1,640.
Loan Debt per head of population	£85.19.5.	£82.11.4.	£85.0.2.
Loan Debt per £ of Rateable Value	£3.9.4.	£3.5.10.	£3.0.0.
Number of Improvement Grants	709	740	775

The Rural District of Warminster and Westbury is in South West Wiltshire at the South Western corner of Salisbury Plain and includes within its boundaries the Urban Districts of Warminster and Westbury. A part of the Plain containing the Parish of Imber is in military occupation and closed to the public.

The area in the past was mainly given to agricultural pursuits. A trading estate has been developed in the parish of Heywood and new industries are being developed there. They comprise Light Engineering, Processing of Scrap Metal, Concrete Products, Warehouses and Furniture Repositories, Packing and Distribution of Surgical Supplies, Manufacturers of Mobile Houses, Animal Food Factory and a Mushroom Farm. Other industries in the Rural District include works for agricultural machinery and a tannery.

Many of the villages provide dormitory facilities for workers in the Urban Districts of Frome, Melksham, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury. The district is roughly bisected by the watershed feeding the Bristol Avon to the North West and the Hampshire Avon to the East. Through it flows traffic from Bristol to Southampton by the Trunk Road A.36, and from North to South by the A.350. The M.4 Motorway, providing rapid access to London, Wales, The Midlands and the North, runs 25 miles to the North of the Rural District. The Westbury White Horse commemorating Alfred's victory over the Danes is a familiar sight to travellers on the main lineof the Western Region of British Railways, which also passes through the district. Longleat House in its rural surroundings of great beauty is a focal point for both national and international visitors.

VITAL STATISTICS

The population figures given are home populations (i.e. including members of the Armed Forces stationed in the area). The figures for deaths include those of members of the Armed Forces. The Area comparability factors for use with birth and death rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When local birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor, they are comparable with the rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area.

VITAL STATISTICS (continued)

a) Live Births	Male	Female
Total	139	114
Legitimate	126	108
Illegitimate	13	6

Live Birth Rate

a) per 1,000 population of the Rural District	17.9
b) of the Rural District after correction by Area Comparability Factor (1.21)	21.7
c) per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire	17.6
d) per 1,000 population of England and Wales	16.3
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate	1.33

b) Still Births	Male	Female
Total	5	3
Legitimate	5	3

c) Deaths	Male	Female	Total
Number of Deaths as enumerated by Registrar General	77	67	144
Death rate per 1,000 population of Rural District		10.2	
Death Rate after correction by Area Comparability Factor (0.92) which permits comparison with National Statistics below		9.4	
Death Rate per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire		10.7	
Death Rate per 1,000 population of England and Wales		11.9	
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate		0.79	

d) Deaths of Infants under one year of age	Male	Female
Total	3	1
Legitimate	2	1
Illegimate	1	0

e) Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age		
Total	3	0
Legitimate	2	0
Illegitmate	1	0

f) Deaths of infants under one week of age		
Total	3	0
Legitimate	2	0
Illegitimate	1	0

Rates for infant mortality are not given since the numbers are too small to be of statistical significance.

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
GROUP II - Neoplasms													
B19 (1) Malignant Neoplasm , Buccal Cavity etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19 (2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19 (3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
B19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B19 (6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	6
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B19 (7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
B19 (8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
B19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
GROUP VII. Diseases of the Circulatory System													
B27 Hypertensive Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	7	7
	F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	6
B29 Other forms of Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6
B46 (5) Other Diseases of Circulatory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
GROUP VIII - Diseases of the Respiratory System													
B32 Pneumonia	M	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	12	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	9
B33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46 (6) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
GROUP IX - Diseases of the Digestive System													
B34 Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B 46(7) Other diseases of Digestive system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
GROUP X - Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System													
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46 (8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
GROUP XV - Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality													
B43 Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	M	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP XVI - Symptoms and ill-defined conditions													
B45 Symptoms and Ill defined conditions	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 Year	AGE IN YEARS 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
GROUP XVII - Accidents, Poisonings and Violence													
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
BE48 All other Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
BE49 Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	M	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE50 All other external causes	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	77	3	-	1	-	2	4	1	4	12	23	27
	F	67	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	4	9	13	36

TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors)

Year	Population	Births	Rate per 1,000 Population Warminster and Westbury	Rate per 1,000 Population England and Wales	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population Warminster and Westbury	Rate per 1,000 Population England and Wales	Deaths of Infants under one year of age
1960	12,690	208	19.5	17.2	131	9.9	11.5	6
1961	13,090	199	18.1	17.6	159	11.7	11.9	3
1962	13,370	183	16.3	18.0	164	11.8	11.9	7
1963	13,610	216	19.2	18.2	172	11.6	12.2	4
1964	13,700	205	18.1	18.5	142	9.5	11.3	2
1965	13,850	232	20.3	18.1	145	9.5	11.5	3
1966	13,470	265	23.8	17.7	152	11.3	11.7	3
1967	13,640	236	20.9	17.2	149	9.9	11.2	6
1968	14,600	234	19.4	16.9	145	9.1	11.9	5
1969	14,120	253	21.7	16.3	144	9.4	11.9	4

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

a) Laboratory facilities

All samples requiring laboratory examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Not only are reports on these samples available from the Medical Director but he is always willing to visit the District, and the Medical Practitioners and myself find this personal contact most satisfactory and rewarding.

b) Ambulance Service

The Ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service in this district is controlled from Trowbridge, where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the district. Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

Where there is a dialling system in operation, dial 999

Where there is no dialling system, lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance.

c) Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors and Home Helps

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Telephone Trowbridge 3641.

d) Clinics and Treatment Centres

The following Clinics serve the district:-

1. Ante Natal:
At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.
Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon for patients referred by their own doctor or midwife.
Westbury Hospital - Thursday afternoon commencing at 2p.m.
Health Clinic, Warminster - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons commencing at 2 p.m. for Bradford-on-Avon patients only.

2. Infant Welfare
Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster at 2 - 4 p.m. every Friday of each month.

Clinic, Leigh Road, Westbury at 2 - 4 p.m. every Thursday of each month.

Progressive Hall, North Bradley at 2.30 - 4 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The Codford Club, Codford at 2.30 - 4 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Dilton ServicesSocial Club, Dilton Marsh at 2.30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Welfare Foods are distributed at the Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster on: Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.: Friday 2 - 4 p.m.

3. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunization

The Warminster clinic is held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 2 p.m. at The Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster.

The Westbury Clinic is held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m. at the Clinic, Leigh Road, Westbury.

The Codford Clinic is held on the second Monday of every month at The Codford Club, Codford.

4. Venereal Diseases

	Men	Women
General Infirmary Salisbury	Tuesday 1.30 - 4.0. p.m. Friday 3 - 6 p.m.	Tuesday 1.30 - 4 p.m. Friday 3 - 6 p.m.
Royal United Hospital Bath	Tuesday 5 - 6 p.m. Friday 55- 6 p.m.	Tuesday 2.30 - 4 p.m. Friday 2.30 - 4 p.m.

e) Hospitals

The four hospitals noted below serve the district and are controlled by the West Wilts Hospital Management Committee:

	Beds	Classification	Type of Case dealt with
Warminster Hospital	30	Wholly general)	Acute medical and surgical cases. Gynaecological cases. Chronic sick patients for short period only.
Westbury and District Hospital	20	do.)	
Sambourne Hospital Warminster	102	Mainly chronic sick.	Aged chronic sick. Accommodation reserved to County Council for 26 Welfare residents.
Beckford Hospital, Warminster.	32	Pre-convalescent and recovery unit plus orthopaedic.	

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at several Hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Maternity cases are admitted to Hospitals at Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Bath. The majority of cases of Tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital. The Manor Hospital, Bath, and Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

f) Mortuary

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sambourne Hospital, Warminster. The visiting pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ministry of Health and Social Security
Weymouth Street,
Warminster,

Telephone Warminster 2351.

Hours 9 - 5 p.m.

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths

The Avenue,
Warminster.

Hours: Monday 2.30 - 4 p.m.
Wednesday 10 - 11.30 a.m.
Friday 10 - 12 noon.

Telephone Warminster 3435

30 Mortimer Street, Trowbridge

Hours: Thursday 12 noon - 12.30. p.m.

Telephone Trowbridge 3641.

Laverton Institute,
Westbury.

Hours: Tuesday 9.30 - 11 a.m.
Thursday 9.30 - 11 a.m.
Friday 3 - 4 p.m.

Telephone Westbury 2122

The Post Office, Codford

Hours Wednesday 12 noon -12.30.p.m.

Telephone Codford St. Mary 201.

Ministry of Social Security

Area Office,

School Lane,
Bellevue Road,
Salisbury,

Telephone Salisbury 3247.

Homefield House,
Polebarn Road,
Trowbridge,

Telephone Trowbridge 4491.

In the event of an emergency outside office hours in which the services of an Officer of the Board are required, please telephone:

Mr. P. Nelmes,
4 Lowmead,
Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4206.

or

Mr. B.E.W. Fear,
17 Avondale Road,
Trowbridge,

Telephone Trowbridge 5457.

If you are unable to contact either Mr. Nelmes or Mr. Fear contact should be made with whoever of the following officers is nearest to the locality of the emergency:-

Mr. W.H. Butt,
42 Tismead Crescent,
Swindon.

Telephone Swindon 4602

Mr. F.E. Freeman
Fairlawn,
Bath Road, Swindon.

Telephone, Swindon 5293.

Mr. R.L. Bennetts,
1 Dainsway,
Salisbury.

Telephone Salisbury 4365.

Mr. L. McCarthy,
Church Lane,
North Bradley, Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4176.

Mental Health Officers

Mr. F. Garnett

During Office Hours

Trowbridge Health Clinic,
The Halve, Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4084.

Deputies

Mr. T.R. Williams
Mr. L.R. Draper

Trowbridge Health Clinic
The Halve, Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4084.

Area Welfare Office also at

Trowbridge Health Clinic,
The Halve, Trowbridge,

Outside Office Hours

Telephone Trowbridge Ambulance Station to contact the officer on duty.

Telephone Trowbridge 3981/2

Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance

Weymouth Street,
Warminster.

Telephone Warminster 2351.

Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.

North Parade,
Frome.

Telephone: Frome 2373.

Homefield House,
Polebarn Road,
Trowbridge,
Wilts.

Telephone Trowbridge 4491

SECTION C

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Supplies of certain Prophylactic and Therapeutic Agents can be obtained in an emergency form:

The Chief Pharmacist,
Ham Green Hospital,
Pill, Bristol.

Telephone 027581 - 2661

The preparations held are:

Anthrax Antiserum
Botulinum Antitoxin
Human Antitetanus Immunoglobulin
Ovine Antitetanus Serum
Pralidoxime Mesylate (P2S)

Special arrangements for the treatment of anthrax have been provided by the South Western Regional Hospital Board at Claverton Down Hospital, Bath. This hospital also holds anti-anthrax serum for prophylactic use and for the treatment of patients sensitive to penicillin.

Arrangements for immunization against anthrax can be made through the Wiltshire County Council. All tannery workers regarded as being at risk in the Rural District have been immunized against anthrax.

Poisons Information Service

A national Poisons Information Service has been established at Guy's Hospital, London S.E.I. (HOP 7600) to provide information to medical practitioners so as to facilitate treatment in cases of acute poisoning. This 24 hour service is not available to members of the public.

Organophosphorus Poisoning

Certain insecticides contain organophosphorus poisons, e.g. parathion. Treatment is by pyridine-2-aldoxine-methiodide (PAM). A small supply of PAM is available in the Royal Infirmary Pharmacy (Telephone no. Bristol 22041).

An emergency service for the treatment of cases of organophosphorus insecticide poisoning is also provided by the Medical Division C.D.E.E. (Ministry of Supply), Porton Wilts. (Telephone No. Idmiston 211).

Infectious diseases notified during 1969

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	5	-	9	6	7	10	9	1	-	-	-	-	47
Whooping Cough	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Measles	14	300	7	106	150	146	87	129	69	47
Whooping Cough	4	2	6	6	4	9	1	2	9	3
Lobar Pneumonia	2	3	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Influenzal Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	12	1	2	-	12	1	1	2	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	1
Dysentery	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

Tuberculosis

	Pulmonary		non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Cases on Register at 31.12.68	24	11	11	6
New cases notified during 1969	-	1	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recoovered	1	1	-	-
Transferred out of District	-	-	-	-
Cases on Register at 31.12.69	23	11	11	6

Notifications and Deaths during the year:

Year	Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Totals	
	Notifications	Deaths	Notifications	Deaths	Notifications	Deaths
1960	2	-	-	-	2	-
1961	3	1	1	-	4	1
1962	1	-	1	-	2	-
1963	4	-	-	-	4	-
1964	2	-	-	-	2	-
1965	2	1	-	-	2	1
1966	2	1	-	-	2	1
1967	-	1	-	-	-	1
1968	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of cases on Register at end of each year:-

Year	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1960	56	20	76
1961	49	19	68
1962	49	19	68
1963	49	19	68
1964	52	19	71
1965	47	19	66
1966	48	18	66
1967	43	18	61
1968	35	17	52
1969	34	17	51

Section 47. National Assistance Act 1948

No action under this section has been necessary during 1969.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses within the rural district.

IMMUNIZATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION STATISTICS, 1969

(The figures are supplied by Courtesy of Dr. C.D.L. Lycett, C.M.O.H. Wilts.)

		Children born in years					1960 - 64	1954 - 59	Others Under 16
		1969	1968	1967	1966	1965			
Primary imms. Completed during 1969	Diph.	83	93	4	3	1	-	-	-
	Wh.cough	80	91	4	2	1	-	-	-
	Tetanus	83	93	4	3	1	-	-	4
	Measles	-	22	48	29	8	24	3	--
	Polio.	91	97	8	3	2	23	-	--
Reinforcing imms. given in 1969	Diph.	1	39	96	5	36	168	4	-
	Wh. Cough	-	31	64	4	4	14	-	-
	Tetanus	1	39	96	5	36	171	5	9
	Polip.	-	38	86	6	36	103	6	1

SMALLPOX

Age group	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	0 -12	1	2 - 4	5 - 15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	58	50	4
re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	-	12

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

48 samples of raw milk were submitted for biological tests. One sample of the milk from herd controlled by a producer gave a positive result. Notices requiring the milk to be heat treated were served on this producer. The number of Producer/Retailers licenced at the end of the year had further reduced to seven.

Water Supplies

The Rural District is in the northern division of the West Wilts Water Board, and the following figures, for which I am grateful, are taken from the report of the Engineer and Manager for the year ended 31st March 1970.

METERED CONSUMPTION

(Thousand gallons)

	Annual Quantity 1966/67	Annual Quantity 1967/68	Annual Quantity 1968/69	Annual Quantity 1969/70
Warminster and Westbury Rural District	77,899	93,290	90,600	110,150

Number of Properties Receiving a Water Supply from the Board

As at 31st March 1970.

	No. of dwelling houses in district	No. of dwelling houses receiving a supply from the Board's Mains	Percentage supplied	No of other properties suppl and charged on n annual values (shops, offices & other buildings)
Warminster and Westbury Rural District	5,185	4,810	92.77	249

During the period the water supply in the Rural District derived from the mains of the West Wilts Water Board was satisfactory both in quality and quantity. Unfortunately the Wiltshire County Council has again decided against fluoridation of these supplies which are deficient in natural fluorides. Analysis made of the Burtonfield and Dunkerton sources showed the fluoride content to be less than 0.1 parts per million.

The figures in the following table are as accurate as possible without making a house to house inspection of the Rural District and staff is not available for this purpose.

Water Supplies (cont'd)

Village	Supply	No of Houses on inside mains		No of Houses on S/Pipes		Private Supplies	Houses on Private Supplies	Population on Private Supplies	Population Total
		Houses	pop.	Houses	pop.				
Bishopstrow	W.W.S	59	160	nil	nil	1	1	3	163
Boyton & Corton	"	65	150	"	"	5	7	14	164
Bratton	"	257	681	1	1	8	11	25	707
Bulkington	"	44	119	nil	nil	2	3	7	126
Chapmanslade	"	178	467	"	"	1	2	5	472
Chitterne	"	103	261	"	"	7	11	24	285
Codford	"	235	780	nil	nil	14	17	42	822
Corsley	"	243	672	"	"	8	13	30	702
Dilton Marsh	"	477	1411	8	12	2	2	5	1428
East Coulston	"	25	73	nil	nil	3	13	34	109
Edington	"	247	649	"	"	5	7	18	667
Heytesbury & W.Tytherington	"	205	570	"	"	1	14	33	603
Keywood & Hawkeridge	"	278	867	"	"	1	3	8	875
Linton	"	57	131	"	"	1	2	4	135
Norningsham	"	177	484	"	"	5	5	14	498
Orcheil	"	116	287	"	"	2	6	15	302
Kingston Deverill & Monkton & Brixton	"	112	247	"	"	7	6	23	270
Rook	"	31	76	"	"	nil	nil	nil	76
Longbridge Deverill, Hill Deverill & Crockerton	"	283	821	"	"	3	3	7	828
North Bradley	"	432	1171	2	5	nil	nil	nil	1176
Norton Bavant	"	40	103	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	103
Sherrington	"	26	59	"	"	2	2	5	64
Southwick	"	405	1171	"	"	2	2	4	1175
Carried Forward		4895	11410	11	17	30	137	311	11721

Water Supplies cont'd

Village	Supply	No of houses on inside mains		No of houses on S/Pipes		Private Supplies	Houses on Private Supplies	Population on Private Supplies	Population TOTAL
		houses	pop	houses	pop				
Brought forward		4095	11410	11	17	80	137	318	11745
Steeple Ashton	WWWB	390	1177	nil	nil	6	6	12	1189
Stockton	private	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	81	225	225
Sutton Veny & Pt. Tytherington	WWWB	183	520	"	"	2	2	3	523
Upton Lovell	"	50	109	"	"	6	7	18	127
Upton Scudamore	"	82	256	"	"	nil	nil	nil	256
West Ashton	"	121	301	"	"	4	9	24	325
TOTAL		4921	13773	11	17	101	242	600	14390

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Rural District Council controls the gauge sited at Cross Roads Farm, Edington. The figures are given in six monthly periods coincidental with the season

Deposited Matter. Undissolved deposit expressed as milligrammes per sq.metre per da

Oct. 1967	Nov. 1967	Dec. 1967	Jan. 1968	Feb. 1968	March 1968	Winter Average
No figure available	18	14	14	78	23	-

April 1968	May 1968	June 1968	July 1968	Aug. 1968	Sept. 1968	Summer Average
14	21	36	39	94	76	47

Oct. 1968	Nov. 1968	Dec. 1968	Jan. 1969	Feb. 1969	March 1969	Winter Average
51	19	48	41	35	27	37

April 1969	May 1969	June 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1969	Sept. 1969	Summer Average
79	49	61	108	308	44	108

Oct. 1969	Nov. 1969	Dec. 1969	Jan. 1970	Feb. 1970	March 1970	Winter Average
53	33	25	24	28	34	33

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	57	19	9	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	57	19	9	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (3)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	9	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	10	2	-	1	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961 (continued)

PART VIII of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

	Section 133			Section 134		
Nature of Work (1)	No. of out-workers in August list required by section 133(i) (c) (2)	No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel (making, etc., Cleaning and Washing).	40	-	-	-	-	-
Umbrellas etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Textile weaving	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	41	-	-	-	-	-

Mr. A.H. Eagle, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector reports as follows:-

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work on laying the sewers in North Bradley and Yarnbrook were completed during the early part of the year.

Tenders for Whorwellsdown (Phase I) were received from Contractors, and approval was received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to commence work.

A local enquiry was conducted by the Ministry at Upton Scudamore, but no results of this enquiry had been received by the end of the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A scheme for providing a weekly refuse collection at Southwick, Ashton Park Area, Heywood and Hawkeridge Area was introduced at the beginning of the year. Further requests were received from districts receiving fortnightly collections for a more frequent service. This could only be possible by the purchase of another refuse vehicle.

Attempts to locate additional areas for tipping refuse in the south of the area were unsuccessful. Discussion took place with the Agents acting for the owner of Knook Tip with a view to extending the tipping area. A site has been located in the north of the area and negotiations are being actively pursued with the owner.

A number of complaints were received concerning flies in the vicinity of Penleigh Tip. The purchase of a larger excavator and a more frequent dusting of insecticide kept the problem under control.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Inspections carried out during the year were mainly confined to newly registered premises and premises where defects were outstanding. The defects found were mainly of a minor nature, namely lack of an abstract notice, or thermometer.

No prosecutions were taken during the year.

One accident was reported. This was caused by a person lifting a wooden pallet and straining his back. This is the lowest number of accidents recorded in the last few years. Circulation of all premises with a letter drawing attention to the obligation of employers to notify accidents (Section 43) is under consideration.

Three premises were newly registered during the year and four premises ceased to come within the scope of the Act.

The number of premises registered at the end of the year were:-

13 Offices
17 Retail Shops
1 Warehouse
6 Catering Establishments.

The total number of persons employed was 244.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Milk Sampling

Total number of samples of heat treated milk taken	62
Samples of Pasteurised Milk passing the methylene blue test	50 (6 void)
Samples of Pasteurised Milk failing the methylene blue test	6
Samples of Pasteurised Milk passing the phosphatase test	58
Samples of Pasteurised Milk failing the phosphatase test	0
Samples of Sterilized Milk passing the turbidity test	4
Samples of Sterilized Milk failing the turbidity test	0

Milk Sampling (continued)

Total number of samples of Untreated Milk taken	113
Samples of Untreated Milk passing the methylene blue test	87
Samples of Untreated Milk failing the methylene blue test	6
Number of sets of bottle rinses taken	NIL

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of premises	91
Number of premises complying with Reg. 16	82
Number of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	88
Number of premises complying with Reg. 19	87

The types of food premises and the number of each type are as follows:-

General grocery and confectionery premises	43
Butchers premises	4
Catering premises	12
Bakeries	1
Public Houses	31
	91

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

Eight vehicles found abandoned were dealt with under this Act. One vehicle was towed into the Council's refuse tip at the request of the owner and disposed of. The remainder were removed from their places of abandonment by the owners after service of informal notices.

Four of the eight vehicles were abandoned at Council House Estates.

PETROLEUM ACTS

Eight petroleum storage tanks were due for pressure testing during the year. Six were tested, and withstood a pressure of 10 lbs. per sq. in. for 24 hours. Notification was received that one tank due for testing was no longer used for the storage of petroleum spirit.

HOUSING

(a) Council Housing programme

Four bungalows and 6 flats at Codford were completed together with 6 garages. The construction of four bungalows and 14 garages were commenced at Steeple Ashton.

(b) Private Enterprise Housing

One hundred and fifteen houses were completed during the year and one hundred and forty were under construction at the end of December 1969.

(c) Improvement Grants

During the year thirteen houses were improved with the aid of Discretionary Grants totalling £5,670. and twenty two houses were improved with the aid of Standard Grants totalling £4,998.12.7.

(d) Housing Repairs and Rents Act

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received furing 1969.

(e) Housing Act, 1957 and Public Health Acts, 1936 and 1961

Forty four informal notices were served during the year, and twenty one complied with.

RURAL HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1969

1. Number of permanent dwellings in the district at end of year	5,250
2. Number of permanent dwellings in district owned by local authority	693
3. Number of temporary dwellings in district owned by local authority	nil
4. Number of applications for Council dwellings at end of year	no list of applicants is maintained.
5. Inspection of dwellings during year	
(i) Number of dwellings inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts	188
(ii) Number of dwellings found to be unfit	7
6. Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action	24
7. Action under Statutory Powers	
(A) Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
(i) Number of dwellings where formal notices were served	4
(ii) Number of dwellings made fit as a result of formal notices	nil
(a) By owners	nil
(b) By local authority in default of owners	nil
(B) Proceedings under Section 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	
(i) Number of dwellings where notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
(ii) Number of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices	3
(a) By owners	3
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil
(C) Proceedings under Section 16 and 17 Housing Act 1957	
(i) Number of demolition Orders made	1
(ii) Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders	3
(iii) Number of undertakings accepted to make fit or not to re-let	2
(iv) Number of dwellings made fit as result of undertakings	1
(D) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35 Housing Act 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act 1961	
(i) Number of dwellings where closing orders were made	5
(ii) Number of dwellings closed as result of closing orders or undertakings by owners	4
(E) Proceedings under Sections 17, 42, 43, 46 and 48 Housing act 1957	
(i) Number of dwellings in clearance areas upon which demolition orders were made	nil
(ii) Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders	nil
(iii) Number of dwellings in clearance areas which have been retained as temporary accommodation	nil
(F) Proceedings under Section 76 Housing Act 1957	
(i) Number of cases of overcrowding at end of year	nil
(ii) Number of cases of overcrowding discovered during year	3
(iii) Number of cases of overcrowding abated during year	3

RODENT CONTROL

No. of complaints	140
No. of dwellinghouses and business premies inspected	1225
No. of dwellinghouses and business premises found infested	505
No. of Agricultural properties inspected	136
No. of Agricultural properties found infested	80
No. of dwellinghouses and business premises treated by Local Authority	479
No. of Agricultural properties treated by Local Authority	71
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	462

Both the sites used for "controlled tipping" were regularly inspected and treated by the Council's Rodent Operator for both the control of rodents and flies.

Ten properties were treated for an infestation of flies; one for an infestation of cockroaches and one for an infestation of crickets.

Fifteen wasps nests were destroyed.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or part:

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats	Horses
Number killed	89	-	3	240	163	-	-
Number inspected	89	-	3	240	163	-	-
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI							
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	33	-	-	19	19	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	37.0%	-	-	7.92%	11.66%	-	-
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY							
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.61	-	-
CYCTICERCOSIS							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

The following is a summary of inspections and visits made during 1969:-

P.H. Act Inspections	300
P.H.Act Revisits	109
Housing Act Inspections	106
Housing Act Revisits	68
Infectious Diseases	5
Tents, vans and sheds	10
Water Supplies	27
Water Samples taken	15
Sewage works, drainage and ditches	356
Sewerage Schemes	30
Factories Acts (with Power)	18
Workplaces	1
Building Regulations	2082
Work in Progress	40
Drain Tests	84
Town & Country Planning Acts	550
Improvement Grants - Discretionary	59
Improvement Grants - Standard	83
Refuse Disposal	259
Offensive Trades	-
Animal Boarding Establishments	4
Pests and Vermin	2
Interviews	86
Miscellaneous	91
Food Inspections	22
Meat do.	59
Slaughterhouses	2
Butchers' Shops	9
Butchers' Vans	2
Grocers' Shops	20
Grocers' Vans	-
General and Confectionery Premises	4

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INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Catering Premises	11
Ice Cream Retailers	11
Licensed Premises	16
Milk and Dairies visits	32
Milk and bottle samples	126
Watercress beds	2
Diseases of Animals Acts	19
Petroleum Acts	27
Council Housing Estates	999
Small dwellings' Acquisition Act	5
Footpaths, etc., ...	63
Poultry Packing Stations	-
Agricultural Sanitary Accommodation Regulations	1
Atmospheric Pollution	19
Bakehouses	1
Greengrocers' Vans	-
Greengrocers' Premises	3
Petroleum tank tests	12
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	29
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Public Utilities Street Works Act	1
National Assistance Act	-
Scrap dealers	12
Caravan Act	44
Noise Abatement	1
Street Lighting	-